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I would like to start by saying that I'm not overly familiar with the law, especially as it pertains to anti-trust situations. But I have done some homework regarding this subject, and the proposed settlement worries me. I cannot even begin to tell you what I think should be done instead, but I can say that I am not in favor of the current suggestion. My primary concern is the scope. This settlement is needlessly limited in scope. It's narrow focus does eliminate some of the anti-competitive practices which the settlement is trying to get rid of, but it leaves out others.

I will give a few examples of remedies I would suggest, but I don't expect they will be practice, due to my low knowledge and understanding of the law. First, definitions of things such as middleware and Windows Operating System Product should be definitions rather than specific products, and should be broadened to avoid loopholes, such as the version numbering system being part of the definition of middleware. Also, I consider it dangerous to allow Microsoft to penalize or reward (if used in certain ways these are the same) OEMs and other distributors for selling competing software or computers containing competing software.